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Fire Update: Grand Canyon National Park, August 8, 2009

Grand Canyon, Ariz. – The Aspen Fire, located on the Walhalla Plateau east of the North Rim developed area continues to meet resource objectives.

Fire Activity

The **Aspen Fire** has grown to approximately 2,390 acres after two days of gusty and dry winds. The fire is actively burning on its southern and eastern flanks in an area that previously burned in 2001. The fire is expected to lose momentum as it progresses south and east into areas of reduced fuels where fires previously burned in 2004 and 2007.

Three additional fires are being managed on the North Rim of Grand Canyon National Park:

- The **Angel Fire** (9 acres) has been contained and is in monitor status.
- The **Poplar Fire** (0.1 acres) has been inactive for several days.
- The **Thompson Fire** (1 acre) has been contained and is in monitor status.

Roads and Restrictions

- The Cape Royal Road has been cleared of debris and is open to all traffic. Flames and smoke are visible along portions of the road. Visitors should not stop or pull over in these areas and are asked to use caution while driving to ensure the safety of firefighters and equipment working near the road.
- All other roads and facilities in the park are open.
- Backcountry restrictions may apply on the Walhalla Plateau as firefighters continue to manage the Aspen Fire. Check in at the North Rim Backcountry Office for the most current information.

Additional fire information is available from Connie Birkland at 928-638-7066 or visit the fire's Inciweb page at: <http://www.inciweb.org/incident/1782/>.

For information about the Grand Canyon National Park fire management program, please visit the park's web site at: <http://www.nps.gov/grca/parkmgmt/firemanagement.htm>.

For backcountry information in the park, please call the backcountry office at 928-638-7875.

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